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Members  
Royal British Legion  
Liss Branch

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Dear Member

The Branch Committee has agreed to hold the Branch AGM following the Club AGM on Monday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2021. It is expected to start at about 2000hrs after the Club AGM which starts at 1900hrs. There are a number of important decisions that need to be made in regard to the future of the Branch and trusteeship of the Club. Maximum attendance of members at both AGMs would therefore be of great help.

As you will be aware the Club building and its grounds are held under local trusteeship with trustees usually being members of the Branch Committee. In recent years there has been great difficulty in persuading branch members to offer themselves as committee members. The Chairman is, against RBL rules, having to cover both chair and Treasurer offices. Similarly therefore, it is difficult to appoint appropriate trustees.

If this situation does not change it is likely that in the near future:

- i) Trusteeship will have to be passed to the RBL Headquarters (which RBL encourages) and this will put the future of the Club at risk; and
- ii) The Branch will close or become a sub-branch of another local branch.

Your Branch Committee is therefore urging you to consider offering yourself as a Branch Committee member and ideally as an officer (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Community Support or Membership officers). Committee members can be only on the Branch or Club committee, not on both.

Yours sincerely

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